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09/649,608REMARKS

This amendment is in response to the examiner's Office Action dated 05/05/2003 and further in view of the telephone interview on 6/17/03. We are appreciative of the professional and courteous interview held with the Examiner. Changes have been made to the independent claims as discussed during the telephone interview. The amended claims are believed to be in allowable form. If it is felt that a second interview is deemed necessary, please do not hesitate to contact applicants' representative. Reconsideration of this application is respectfully requested in view of the foregoing amendment.

STATUS OF CLAIMS

Claims 1-25 are pending.

Claim 26 is withdrawn from consideration.

Claims 1-25 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Tognazzini et al. (5,886,683) in view of Jones (GB 2,170,910).

Claims 1, 12, 23, 24, and 25 have been amended.

SUMMARY

As has been detailed above, none of the references, cited or applied, provide for the specific claimed details of applicants' presently claimed invention, nor renders them obvious. It is believed that this case is in condition for allowance and reconsideration thereof and early issuance is respectfully requested.

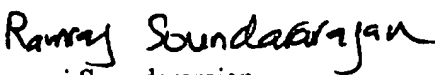
As this amendment has been timely filed within the set period of response, no petition for extension of time or associated fee is required. However, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any deficiencies in the fees provided to Deposit Account No. 09-0441.

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If it is felt that an interview would expedite prosecution of this application, please do not
hesitate to contact applicants' representative at the below number.

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